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THURSDAY, MORNING, DECEMBER 22, 1904.

**ROOSEVELT WANTS IMMEDIATE ACTION** ON FREIGHT RATES

President Insists That Congress Vote Interstate Commerce Legislation at Present Session.

BILL IS IN PREPARATION.

Attorney General Moody Drafting Measure Embodying the Views of the Adminis

FAIRNESS DEMANDED. IS

Chief Executive Announces That Proposition He Will Support Must Be Just to the People and to the Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 21.-President Roose welt discussed to-day with several callers proposed legislation regarding the ques tion of railroad freight rebates and the question of empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission with authority to

Among those who talked with the President were Secretary Morton and E. P. Bacon, chairman of the Executive Com-

The President is anxious that legislation the interest of shippers be enacted at the earliest practicable date, and the matter has been considered by him with many of his recent callers. It was stated to-day by one of the President's callers that Attorney General Moody was now engaged in the preparation of a bill which substantially would embody the views of the edministration on the question, and that the measure would be presented to Congress probably soon after the holiday re-The President has announced that the bill he is willing to support must be fair to both the railroads and the people. IMMEDIATE ACTION.

He believes that the initial steps toward the desired legislation should be taken at the present session of Congress, and if that the legislation propose should be crystalized into law at this

Senator Heyburn of Idaho had an extended talk with the President to-day on the subject of Federal charters for corporations doing an interstate commerce business. The Senator indicated his intention to introduce in the Senate after the holiday recess a matter providing for the incorporation under United States laws of all corporations doing an interstate

The bill as proposed by Senator Heyurn will provide that corporations now in existence must take out Federal charters, and that such corporations as may be organized thereafter shall also incorporate under Federal laws. All such cor porations will be under the supervision of the Department of Commerce and Lathrough the Bureau of Corporations.

The bill has not yet been matured thorhave it ready for introduction immediately

## BRAZIL'S PAVILION SOLD FOR \$800.

Structure at World's Fair Dis posed Of to Chicago Wrecking Company.

Brazil's beautiful national pavilion at the World's Fair, which was erected at a cost of \$125,000, was sold yesterday for \$800. The large velvet carpet which covers the entire second floor of the pavillon was sold

The building, without any of its furnish ings, was sold for salvage to the Chicago House Wrecking Company, which pur chased the World's Fair exhibits and other structures. The structure was one of the handsomest and most costly of all the foreign pavilions. It was designed by Gen eral F. de Souza Aguiar, the Commissioner General for Brazil.

At the same time that the building was sold most of the furniture and fittings of the pavillon were also disposed of by the commission, the linoleum on the second floor being sold for \$206, and all the chairs and tables also being disposed of.

neral Agular yesterday received no tice from his Government that a replica of the Brazilian Pavilion would be erected la Rio de Janeiro in permanent form to partment. The Brazilian Congress has

He also received a cablegram stating gress Hall in Rio, to be erected at a cost of between \$4,000.000 and \$5,000,000, had been approved by the Government.

## TRIED TO ROB JEWELRY STORE

Three Young Men Smashed Window While Store Is Crowded.

Three unidentified young men attempted to rob the jewelry store of Bierbaum & Boble at No. 2106 North Fourteenth street at 9 o'clock last night, while the store a filled with patrons.

Standing a short distance from a show containing a tray of diamonds they threw a brick through the plate glass, smashing it, but the falling glass made so much noise that they were frightened away without getting anything. running east on Madison street, and escaping before the police arrived.

The diamonds in the window represented a value of several thousand dollars.

## **SUMMARY OF** The St. Louis Republic.

Thursday, December 22, 1904.

THE WEATHER. Forecast for St. Louis and Vicinity To-Day-Fair and warmer.

For Illinois-Fair and warmer Thursday, probably rain Thursday night and Friday, increasing south winds. For Missourl-Palr and warmer in the east portion Thursday, Friday, rain

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS The weather was fair, with a maximum tem perature of 40 and minimum of 29 degrees.

The sun rises this morning at 7.55 and sets

The Republic's Want Columns Will Be Found on Pages 4 and 5 of Part Two.

#### FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Commissioner of Corporations Garfield, in his report of investigations of different corporations, says that the present trust legislation by the several States is nothing short of anarchy. He recommends granting Federal franchises.

PAGE 1, PART 1. loon. The wife of the proprietor assisted him. Four shots were fired-PAGE 1, PART 1.

Thomas W. Lawson writes an open letter to H. H. Rogers of the Standard Oil Company, in which he threatens to shoot on sight any thug who enters his office and whom he declares Rogers has hired. PAGE 1. PART 1.

President Roosevelt insists that legislation on interstate commerce rates be taken at the present session PAGE 1, PART 1. of Congress. WASHINGTON.

Congressman Bartholdt says President Roosevelt will accord Missouri the posi-tion of honor in the inauguration ceremonies in case the State makes application PAGE 8. PART 1.

#### LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Democratic members of the House from Southern Illinois protest against dictation of State Committees as to minority lead-PAGE 2 PART 2 The Illinois Board of Equalization has fixed the total assessment value of Illinois

railroads at \$0,854,640. PAGE 3, PART 1. Suspended Butler committeemen may use threats of defeat at polls next spring to intimidate city central organization to-PAGE 7. PART 1.

Derailing of train in Terminal tunnel shakes big office buildings, scaring occu-pants to street, and imprisons passengers smoke-filled subway for more than an pur. PAGE 1, PART 2. The Government World's Fair Board de-

nied liability for bills aggregating \$124,000 for services furnished by the Exposition Company. PAGE 8, PART 2. Attorneys Lionberger, Robert and Cabell were witnesses in the case of the Mutual Life Insurance Company against Apolline

Blair, heard before Special Master in Chancery yesterday. PAGE 1, PART 2. Result of Niedringhaus-Akins caucus on the senatorship caused jubilation at the

Laclede Hotel and gloom at the Planters

Republican city politicians are breathing PAGE 5. PART 1. Newsboys will partake of the annual Thristmas basket-dinner to be distributed Saturday by the Volunteers of America

PAGE 4. PART 1. Former Congressman Jerry Simpson declares that he is a supporter of Thomas W. Lawson. He believes the charges that the "System" caused the defeat of Bryan

PAGE 1, PART 2 Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association will distribute about \$30,000 to different institutions in St. Louis,

PAGE I. PART I.

#### EASTERN WAR. St. Petersburg abandons all hope of sav ing Port Arthur, now that the Japanese have captured Keekwan Fort.

PAGE 1. PART 1. Captain Clado of Admiral Rojestvensky's quadron has caused a stir in diplomatic circles by asserting that the British agitation over the North Sea incident was for the purpose of delaying the Russian PAGE 1. PART 1.

## GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Decisions on the Chicago fund cases, in volving \$1.270,000 of the city's money, are expected from the Illinois Supreme Court PAGE 3, PART 2 to-day.

Arguments of counsel in the Nan Patterson murder case are finished and Justice Davis will deliver his charge to the jury this morning. PAGE 1, PART 2. To prevent a collision between two pas-

senger trains at Beverly Junction the switch tender opens the detailing switch, throwing the engine of one train off the track and killing the fireman.

PAGE 1. PART 1. It is rumored in Kansas City political circles that Governor-elect Folk is preparing to ask the State Senate to investigate the charges against Senator Farris.

Burkett will be sold to Boston if a satisfactory price can be arranged.

#### PAGE 2 PART 2 Ram's Horn and Topic won their races

PAGE 2, PART 2 BUSINESS. Yesterday's bank clearings were \$5,658,822,

at New Orleans yesterday.

mlances, \$1,000,009. Local discount rates were between 413 and 6 Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 65c premium bid, 65c premium

asked: Chicago, 25c premium bid, 25c premium asked: Cheinnati and Louisville, 25c discount bid, par asked; New Orleans, par bid, 25c Wheat closed higher at 11.14%@1.14% May and

21.15 No. 2 red. Corn closed higher at 42%c bid May and 46c No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at 31%c bid May and 30%c No. 2 mixed. Spot cotton was steady in the local market.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS. New York, Dec. 21.-Arrived: Perugia, Kroon and, Menomence, Sailed: Bovic, Rotterdam Matestic, United States,

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Sailed: Siberian, Cedric. Antwerp, Dec. 20.—Sailed: Lancastrian, Mount Naples, Dec. 21.-Sailed: Prinz Adalbert, Car.

Copenhagen, Dec. 15.-Arrived: Helli O Lav. Hong-Kong, Dec. 20 .- Arrived: Empress of

Queenstown, Dec. 21. - Arrived: Sexonia.

# OLD MAN WITH CHAIR BEATS OFF TWO HIGHWAYMEN

the Rescue of Proprietor's Wife Against Masked Robbers.

WOMAN ASSISTS PROTECTOR. HAS ROOSEVELT'S APPROVAL.

Old. Strikes Footpad on the Head, Felling Him.

BOTH THIEVES GET AWAY. CENSURES PREVAILING EVILS. .

1 70-year-old man with a chair Mrs. Williagen Comes From Behind the Bar to Aid of Stricken Friend After Four Shots Are Fired.

> After a fierce fight, two masked rob bers, who entered the saloon of William Wilhagen, at No. 3155 Chippewa street, at Il o'clock last night, were routed by Mrs. Augustine Williagen, wife of the proprie tor, and Trangott Krackingege, 70 years ld, of No. 3141 Chippewa street.

> Krackingege was sitting in a chair by stove when two men with handkerchiefs over the lower part of their faces and drawn revolvers in their hands entered the saloon by the side door. Mrs. Wilhagen was standing behind the bar, With the command "hands up!" one of the robbers approached the bar, while the other rushed at the old man. With all the agility of youth, he sprang from his chair. seized it in both hands and struck his assailant over the head, felling him to

> Upon seeing his partner fall, the other robber rushed toward Kracklugege and fired four shots at him in rapid succes-

As he again leveled his weapon Mrs Wilhagen came from the back of the bar and struck the robbers with a chair, which she picked up near the stove.

The robber who was struck by Krackfugege had in the meantime retreated toward the door, followed by the old man. who dealt him geveral blows over the head with teh chair.

He succeeded in making his escape. Krackingege returned to the scene of the conflict and aided Mrs. Wilhagen in belaboring the other robber, who was crawling on hands and knees from under the rain of blows directed at him by Mrs.

Covered with blood, the robbers fled through the door and disappeared down

## MAIL HELD UP: HUSBAND MISSING

Mrs. E. H. Haas Experiences Trouble When Initials on Her Letters Are Changed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Cincinnati, O., Dec. 21 .- A mixup of leters, in which the initial "H" figures, has caused trouble to Mrs. E. H. Haas, who has appealed to the police to help her locate her husband, a traveling salesman for a

St. Louis concern. The couple came to Cincinnati recently and Haas became ill. He decided to go to Birmingham for treatment, and told his wife he would write to her in care of the general delivery.

A letter came soon addressed to "Mrs. E. Hass." She got that and then another one addressed the same way and answered both. Then came six addressed "Mrs. E. H. Haas." She says the clerk at the delivery window would not give them to her, but she finally secured them by appealing to the Postmaster. In the last me Haas said he considered himself deserted, not having received answers to his last five letters, and that she would hear from him no more. He is no longer

### SAYS LYMAN ABBOTT EMPHASIZED GREAT TRUTH.

Doctor McKittrick States, However, That Preacher Left Unsaid Things Which Will Cause Harm.

"Doctor Lyman Abbott emphasized great truth when he said that God is everywhere, but one which has been reterated time and time again." With these words the Reverend Doctor

J. McKittrick, paster of the First Presbyterian Church, last night began a criticism on Doctor Abbott's sermon be fore the Harvard students. He states, however, that he would not attack him. because he has a high regard for his writings, from which he has ever derived nuch good and enlightenment.

Continuing, Doctor McKittrick said that was not so much what Doctor Abbott had said as what he had left unsaid that will cause the harm to those who at best are not greatly inclined to read the Scrip

"When Doctor Abbott professed a be lief," sald Doctor McKittrick, "in the immanence of God, he only reiterated what the best theologians of the world to-"No scholar," he said, "believes that God

created the world and has since stood "God is everywhere. He is in all things. He is not an absentee. Wherever his laws are, there is God.

"But he is not only in the universe in the world and in all things, but he is likewise beyond all these. The universe cannot exhaust God. He, in a word, is transcendent as well as immanent"

# DECLARES STATE TRUST REGULATION IS ANARCHISTIC

Bystander in Saloon Goes to Corporation Commissioner Garfield Renders Report Which Indicates Revolutionary Stand.

Trangott Krackingege, 70 Years Favors Federal Franchise to All Companies Wishing to Engage in Interstate Commerce.

Says Secrecy and Dishonesty and Unfair and Predatory Competition Exist Under the Present Industrial Conditions.

Wynt: Building, 14th and F Streets.

Washington, Dec. 21.-Characterizing the present State system of regulating trusts as a situation of anarchy, James R. Garfield, the Commissioner of Corporations, in rendering the first report of his bureau's investigations of interstate corporations. advocates the employment of one of two

The remedies suggested are that these big business organizations be compelled to incorporate under Federal law or be forced to take out Federal franchises or licenses. He favors the latter expedient and suggests to Congress the several points which legislation on the subject should cover. As to further independent State action. that, he declares, is totally inadequate to meet the emergency.

Callers returned from the White House say to-day that the President is as deeply interested in this general question as he is in the specific proposal to extend the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The views of Mr. Garfield are in all es-sential particulars the views of the President. Hence the report is regarded as of the utmost importance.

It is considered to be the first word officially spoken of a comprehensive programme, revolutionary in some respects, which will be the most important legislation of the Roosevelt administration.

Mr. Garfield's conclusion reads:

"I therefore beg to suggest that Conress be requested to consider the advisability of enacting a law for the legislative regulation of interstate and foreign commerce under a license or franchise, which in general should provide as follows:

PROVISIONS OF THE LAW.

"The granting of a Federal franchise or to engage in interstate commerce. "The imposition of all necessary requirements as to corporate organization. and management as a condition precedent to the grant of such franchise or license. "The requirement of such reports and returns as may be desired as a condition

of the retention of such franchise or li-"The prohibition of all corporations and corporate agencies from engaging in inter-and through you any and all thugs who state and foreign commerce without such are seeking me, that I will, in self-defense, state and foreign commerce without such Federal franchise or license.

"The full protection of the grantees of such franchise or license who obey the aws applicable thereto. "The right to refuse or withdraw such

franchise or license in case of violation of law, with appropriate right of judicial appeal to prevent abuse of power by the admnistrative officer. "This bureau, under the direction of the

Secretary of Commerce and Labor, affords the appropriate machinery for the administration of such a law." The declaration of the President's message for the regulation railroad rates,

exploited in all the newspapers of the land, has built up public sentiment for this HAS PRESIDENTS APPROVAL. Now comes the more sweeping announcement, not from the President direct, but with his approval. The succes-

sion of blows is telling, and to-day it was

all but announced that the House would pass some bill dealing with the rate ques tion at this session. It was said to-day that Attorney General Moody is drafting the measure which will receive the stamp of administration approval. Notice from home has been serve on Hepburn of Iowa and Dolliver of that State, and upon other Congressmen from the affected region, that they must get in

ine or face a fight in their districts. Resulfs are apparent. announced that the House committee will report and the House pass a "conservatve" bill. This does not mean that the Senate necessarily will prove docile. That s a nut yet to be cracked, and the chances are still against such legislation in the

The Garfield report is characterized by strong language, and a positive conclumatter includes a general statement of the existing conditions unter which interstate commerce is condu ed; study of the laws, State and Federal, applying to it, and of the practicability of

the suggested remedies. The special Beef Trust investigation is only touched upon by the announcement that a report will be rendered concerning it inter.

CITES PRINCIPAL EVILS. "Under present industrial conditions." the report reads, in stating the case, "secrecy and dishonesty in promotion, over capitalization, unfair discriminations by means of transportation and other rebates unfair and predatory competition, secrecy

of corporate administration, and mislead-

ing or dishonest financial statements are recognized to be the principal evils." Then Mr. Garfield goes on to say that "the present situation of corporation law may be summed up roughly by saying that its diversity is such that in operation it mounts to anarchy. The States which by reason of their commercial activity, are mportant, different very widely in the principles upon which their corporate leg-

## LAWSON WRITES ROGERS HE WILL SHOOT THUGS ON SIGHT

In an Open Letter to Standard Oil Official He Tells of Thread Made Against His Life-Declares That Many Assassins Are Threatening His Life and He Will Take No Chances-Effort to Secure Action Against Lawson Through Jerome Meets Fail

FRIENDS SAY TWO ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO POISON HIM.

## JEROME DROPS ALL INDICTMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST LAWSON.

New York, Dec. Zi.-District Attorney Jerome to-day informed Charles M. Beattle, counsel for Henry Wellington Wack, who has been trying to get the District Attorney to assist him in indicting Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, that the matter was dropped as far as the District Attorney is concerned, owing to the insufficiency of evidence as presented by Mr. Beattle upon which to insti-

tute criminal proceedings against Lawson. Mr. Wack and Mr. Beattle were at the District Attorney's office to-day to learn the result of Assistant District Attorney Smyth's consideration of their case. Mr. Jerome turned the matter over to his assistant after a short confer-

with the complainants yesterday.

Mr. Smyth reported to Mr. Jerome this morning that upon investigation be found no evidence which would justify the District Attorney in proceeding in



Locomotive Jumps the Track.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 21 -By the derail-

ing of the Burlington's forenoon Kansa

City express at Beverly Junction to-day,

the switch tender saved the lives of

score or more of persons, but he caused

the death of Fireman Peter O. Callicotte

The Burlington and Rock Island have

joint depot at Beverly Junction, and the

Eurlington train approached while a Rock

signaled to stop, but it was too late. He

jumped and escaped injury, but Callicotte

was caught under the engine when it went

over. All the passengers escaped, only

the mail and baggage cars going off with

When the Burlington train whistled for

the station, the tender of the signal sta-

tion signaled the engineer to stop. Sec-

ing that the approaching train could not

be brought to a stop in time to prevent it

from crashing through the train at the

By this time the speed of the southbound

train had been reduced to about twenty

two cars, the baggage and mail, ran off

the end of the derailing switch, the en-

gine toppled over, crushing Callicotte be-

The train was composed of a baggage

car, mail and express car, day coach, two

chair cars and a Pullman sleeper. Only the

mail and baggage cars left the track. It

The track was considerably torn up

Peter Callicotte, the dead fireman,

four brothers and six sisters. His father

R. E. Callicotte, was a Burlington engi-

neer, and died in St. Joseph about ;

The victim of to-day's accident had been

eight years, and had been a fireman

FAIR AND WARMER TO-DAY

High Temperature in East and

South; North Low.

Fair weather with a higher tempera

ture is the prediction of Forecaster Bowle

for to-day. Variable winds, which will

become southerly during the afternoon,

Colder weather prevailed in the States

north of the Ohio and Missouri valleys yes-

terday, while warmer weather was report-

Snow flurries are reported from the Lake

region, the upper Ohio Valley and Penn-

The minimum tempertaure yesterday was 29; the maximum 40 degrees.

DEBATE QUESTIONS CHOSEN.

Missouri, Texas and Kansas Uni-

versity Students to Meet.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Columbia, Mo., Dec. 21.—The questions

for the interstate debates between Mis-

sourt. Texas and Kansas universities have

Missouri will debate Texas at Austin

May 1, 1965, on the following question

"Resolved. That the States Should Abolish

been decided upon

the Personal Property Tax."

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Island train was on the track.

The engineer E. D. Farnew

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

of the Burlington train.

the engine.

While Passenger Coaches Remain Upright-Traffic Is FORMER SENATOR HIGGINS Considerably Delayed. of Delaware, who was counsel for Wil-liam Buchanan in the Bay State Gas receivership case in 1826, concerning which

Thomas W. Lawson makes sensational charger.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Thomas W. Lawson has taken seriously the threat of a New York editor that he would come to Boston and shoot him because of an advertisement sent out by Lawson and which reflected seriously on the editor. The newspaper man has not yet ap-

peared here, but Lawson this afternoon issued the following open letter to Henry Rogers of the Standard Oil Company: "I received word last night that your hired thug would, if I did not withdraw

an advertisement, come to Boston on the first train and shoot me. "Of course, I know your methods, and that the principal criminals in your pay will stand at nothing to fix me, and that murder is their preferred stock in trade.

"Therefore, in the light of many happenings of late and the innumerable threats which are being made to me and against me, I wish to herewith notify you, shoot at sight the first thug who calls up on me or in any way comes into my presence after giving me notice as the above

"I regret being compelled to take this method of defending myself, and only do so after having become convinced that there are at the present time many wouldbe assassing sceking to but an end to me that they may put an end to my wark.

"Such affairs as the Colonel Greene episode, where an honest man, after having been artfully worked up to a high pitch. is put upon my track, I do not mind; but I do want you and your associates to know that I am fully alive to what is now being and will hereafter be attempted against me, that upon your heads may

was in charge of Conductor Fred Lathren. Beyond the issuance of this letter there Burlington trains between St. Joseph and was stience in the Lawson camp all day. Kansas City during the greater part of Friends of Lawson say that two atthe day were routed over the Missouri Pa tempts have been made within two weeks cific between Atchison and Leavenworth, to poison him. Lawson has denied this, but the track was opened to traffic tobut admits that he has been twice attacked by sudden illness during that tim and physicians treated him as if for irsurvived by his mother, Mrs. Phoebe Calritant poisoning. Heatte, No. 2216 South Sixth street; by

### CONFIRMS STATEMENT THAT ROGERS FURNISHED MONEY

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21.—The Philadel row morning the following dispatch from

Former Senator Anthony Higgins, who was counsel for William Buchanan in the Braman receivership of Bay State Gas in the fall of 198, evinced no hesitancy today in confirming Thomas W. Lawson's assertion in the January number of Everybody's Magazine that the money used at that time to vacate the receivership came from Henry H. Rogers of New York, the Standard Oil magnate.

Senator Higgins, in response to the direct question, "Who furnished the money with which the settlement was effected?" said unhesitatingly: "I have always understood it came from Mr. Henry H. Rogers of New York. He

figured in the transaction as the purchaser of the property. All of this was in litiga-"Rogers figured as the purchaser, and his title was subsequently held to be good I never knew there was any dispute about

Senator Higgins continued: "About 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the last Saturday in October, the Saturday be fore election, in 1896, we all went over to the courtroom to effect a dismissal of the proceedings, an agreement having been reached among the partles." "Do you know who brought the money

the money coming from him."

down from New York?" "It was Mr. Chapman of the firm of Moore & Schley," was the answer, "How much did he bring with him?" "I was told before I left the courtroom that the amount was \$250,000," replied Sen-

Then after Mr. Higgins's explanation of Continued on Page Two.

## FALL OF KEEKWAN CRUSHES ALL HOPE

Staggered Russian Capital Abandons Idea of Saving the Besieged City. From Invasion.

IN ST. PETERSBURG

ADMIRAL. DAVIS IN PARIS.

American Commissioner on North Sea Board Will Be Received by President Loubet To-Day.

CLADO CAUSES A NEW STIR.

Captain Asserts British Agitation Over Doggar Bank Incident Was to Delay Baltic Squadron.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE ST LOUIS RE-PUBLIC AND THE NEW YORK HERALD. St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.-(Copyright 1904. All Rights Reserved.)-The fall of Keekwan Fort has staggered all here. The last hope of saving Port Arthur has by general consent been given up. Melancholy, such as has not existed since the war began,

The capture opens a way up the gorge to the higher hills, and will render easier the capture of the mountain. It gives much additional footbold for a general assault on the western half of the eastern fortified ridges. The Japanese now hold five of the seven protecting forts.

DAVIS REACHES PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 21.-Rear Admiral Charles H. Davis arrived here this afternoon. Later the Admiral called on Ambassador Porter, who advized the foreign office that Admiral Davis was ready to take up his work on the International Commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident. It is expected that President Loubet will res ceive the American Admiral to-morrow

Captain Ciado, who was detached from Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron to testify before the International Commission, made statements during his journey to Paris that are exciting considerable stir in official and diplomatic circles as indicating a rather defiant and belligerent tone on the eve of the assembling of the commission.

Some of Clado's statements were strongclaring that British agitation over the North Sea incident leading up to the appointment of the International Commission was a plan to delay the Russian second Pacific squadron from relieving Port

He also asserted that another campaign, having for its object the passage of the Darcanelles by the Russian Black Seafeet, will be launched at an opportune time. In the meantime, he added, men and equipment from the Black Sea fleet will e sent to aid the second Pacific squadron. It was pointed out at the British Embassy that Clade is not a member of the commission, but only a witness, and, therefore, no official cognizance will be taken of his statements.

JAPS PREPARE ATTACK. London, Dec. 22.-The Daily Telegraph's Chefoo correspondent says that the Lady Mitchell, which salled from Tsintae with supplies, ammunition and dynamite, reached Port Arthur during a snowstorm four nights ago. He says also it is reported that the Japanese were compelled o evacuate their position on Etse Mountain owing to a flanking fire from other forts and the explosion of Russian mines. from which they lost heavily.

The Japanese, the correspondent adds. are employing thousands of coolles in making strong forts at Dalny and around Port Arthur. They express a determination to capture Port Arthur before the paring that will be on a hitherto unequaled scale, and it will mean either sucess or terrible disaster to the besiegers. The correspondent concludes by saying that it is stated that General Negi has asked for \$2,000 reinforcements from

### ATTEMPT TO PROVE SELF-DEFENSE IN TODD TRIAL

State Closes Its Testimony in Nevada Murder Case-Interest Increases as Suit Progresses.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Nevada, Mo., Dec. 21.-Several witnesses were placed on the stand by the defence this afternoon in the trial of Doctor J. D. Todd for the killing of R. T. Wall, All the testimony was devoted to establishing the theory that Todd shot Wall in selfdefense.

The State completed its testimony at noon. Long before the dinner hour the room was crowded with spectators, who had gathered to hear the first of the evidence to be offered by the defendant's witnesser. During the morning the State's attor-

neys devoted much of the time to attempting to show that Doctor Thomas Todd, son of the accused, placed a revolver in the pocket of Wall after he was shot and while he was lying on the operating table in the physician's office. Both sides are making every effort to

close the case and give it to the jury not later than Saturday night. The defense has a long list of witnesses to be examined, but will use only what time is neceseary in examining them.

On April 15, at Columbia, Missouri and Kansas will debate the question: "Re-solved, That the Central Welfare De-mands the Maintenance of the Principles of the Open Shop." Doctor Todd is at all times surrounded by his wife and daughters, and they mpany him daily from the jail to the Courthouse and back again.